

How to get your 2021 Child Tax Credit money

Even if you have no income!

Most people can get this money if:

- You have a child in your home who was under 18 at the end of 2021
 - *This includes foster children, grandchildren, and the children of other close relatives!*
- The child lived with you more than half the time in 2021 and you can claim them as a dependent on your taxes
- The child has a Social Security number (even if you don't have one!)
- **You do not need to have income to claim this credit!**



How much can I get?

- Up to \$3,600 for every child under 6 years old
- Up to \$3,000 for every child between 6 and 17 years old
- *These amounts could be less if you earned too much money in 2021*



What do I need to do?

- **You must file a 2021 tax return** to get the money (even if you had no income in 2021)
- You can get free tax prep help at the locations listed on Legal Aid's [Free Tax Prep flyer](#)



What if I received advance child tax credit money last year?

- The advance payments only provided up to **half** of the money
- You should receive a letter (Letter No. 6419) from the IRS telling you how much advance money you got
- **You must file a 2021 return to get the rest!**



Questions? Call Legal Aid at **(202) 628-1161**.